

REMARKS

I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 and 14-19 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schultz.

Claims 1, 5, and 14 have been amended to include at least one of an electromagnetic transceiver and a RFID air interface decoder within the RFID extension. Specifically, claim 1 includes the limitation "circuitry coupled to said battery for providing the RFID functionality, said circuitry including at least one of an electromagnetic transceiver and a RFID air interface decoder." Claims 5 and 14 include the limitation "a RFID extension for said mobile computer for selectively providing the RFID functionality for said mobile computer, said RFID extension comprising: circuitry for providing the RFID functionality, said circuitry including at least one of an electromagnetic transceiver and a RFID air interface decoder."

Shultz does not disclose at least one of an electromagnetic transceiver and a RFID air interface decoder within a RFID extension. Schultz discloses a magnetic RF tag reader for reading RF tags which transmit information to the receiver when the RF tag is disposed in a low frequency magnetic field (Abstract). As shown in FIG. 1, the magnetic RF tag reader 10 includes a main body portion 11 and a handle 13. A barrel portion 16 has an opening 17 thereon for providing access to an antenna 18 disposed within the barrel 16. Another antenna is disposed within the housing portion 11 and is essentially an electro-magnet wherein the coils of the antenna, when energized, will cause a magnetic field to energize any passive transponder such as passive transponder 20 shown in FIG. 9. (column 2, line 60 through column 3, line 6)

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A laser emitting light source 22 is attached to the barrel 16 for emitting a light concentric with the cylindrical longitudinal access of the sight housing 22 (column 3, lines 7 through 9). As illustrated in FIG. 10, the magnetic RF tag reader 10 is tethered to a hand-held computer terminal 30 by tether 24. The hand-held terminal 30 has a keyboard 31, a display screen 32, and a transceiver for receiving or sending radio frequency signals through the antenna 33. Schultz thus discloses a transceiver located within the hand-held terminal, or mobile computer, as opposed to being located within the magnetic RF tag reader 10. No mention is made of an RFID air interface decoder within the magnetic RF tag reader, or any sort of extension. Specifically, Schultz does not disclose at least one of an electromagnetic receiver and a RFID air interface decoder within the RFID extension.

Therefore, claims 1, 5, and 14 are not anticipated by Schultz because claims 1, 5 and 14 include limitations that are not disclosed by Schultz.

Claims 2 - 4, 6 - 9, and 15 - 19 are dependent on either claim 1, claim 5, or claim 14 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claims 1, 5, and 14 stated above.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 - 9 and 14 - 19 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schultz.

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II. CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 102(b), have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorneys at (480) 385-5060.

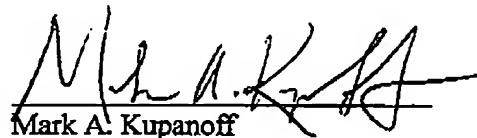
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Respectfully submitted,

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